

Federal League Club Owners Agree Upon a Schedule for Coming Season

Federals Will Not Buck Organized Ball

Schedule Committee Decides That as Few Conflicts as Possible Best for League.

New York, Mar. 27.—Having spent the greater part of the day in two sessions and concluding with another lasting to a late hour tonight the Federal League club owners expressed themselves as satisfied with the results of their labors in preparing a playing schedule for the coming season. Two schedules had been submitted early in the day, but each was found to be unsuitable and many changes were suggested before a third one was arranged to the satisfaction of all the clubs.

That the season will open on April 10, with Buffalo playing at Brooklyn; Newark at Baltimore; St. Louis at Chicago; and Pittsburgh at Kansas City, was the only positive statement made by any of the officials tonight. It is understood that there will be far fewer conflicts in dates at Pittsburgh and Brooklyn this year than last year's arrangement called for. In fact, it was officially announced that there would be less than twenty in both cities combined.

OHIO NEWSPAPER EULOGIZES RIGBY

Well-Known Local Basketball Man Stated Career at East Liverpool, O.

In a recent issue of the Morning Tribune, at East Liverpool, O., the following article about a well known local basketball player appeared: "East Liverpool is Mr. Rigby's home town and started his career there as a basketball player."

"Dick Rigby, one of the best basketball players who ever played under amateur rules and probably the cleanest basketball player who ever went on a basketball floor, a player who was never known to use any unnecessary roughness in basketball began his career with the famous local Young Men's Christian Association aggregation of 1903, '04 and '05. For three seasons Rigby played with the Young Men's Christian Association team, playing forward, center and guard, but was most feared at forward. Rigby played a star game in all the positions and was considered to be the best player on the team. After playing for three seasons on the Young Men's Christian Association team Rigby, in the autumn of 1905 went to the Ohio State University. Rigby easily gained a position on the Varsity team and with his presence, Ohio State became one of the fastest college teams in the country, being one of the few college teams that could hold their own with the fast Allegheny College team. Rigby played on the Ohio State team for four seasons and was the star player of the team.

Last season Rigby played on the Clarksville Scholastics of West Virginia and was picked as a forward on the all star basketball team of West Virginia. Rigby is not a showy player and does not make any great sensational shots during a game but is a player that plays for team work and knows how to use his brain. He also is a player who will play the same star game against a first basketball team as against a poor playing team."

LARGE SALE

Of Seats for Big Johnson Willard Bout to Be Fought in Havana.

HAVANA, Mar. 27.—Havana was engrossed today in discussion of the big fight to be staged here Monday, April 5, when Jack Johnson will defend his heavyweight championship against Jess Willard.

There were countless rumors and reports following a midnight conference of all those concerned in the fight and then came the announcement of the postponement of the battle to Monday, Sunday having been set as the date originally. The postponement was due to the great pressure brought to bear upon the government officials by many people, who declared that to hold the fight on April 4 would be to desecrate Easter Sunday.

It is understood that the promoters' books tonight showed sales and reservations for the fight amounting to \$55,000 and that these are increasing steadily.

WESTERN BOWLERS

Are Leading in American Bowling Congress Tournament at Peoria.

PEORIA, Ill., Mar. 27.—W. H. Pierce, of Pueblo, Colo., with a score of 217, held the lead in the singles at the American Bowling Congress today.

In the doubles H. Allen and R. Allen, of Detroit, are leading with 1,397.

The Barry Kettlers, of Chicago, top the list in the five-man event with a score of 2,207.

A new leader in the all-event appeared today when M. E. Paetz, of Chicago, with 1,876, sent E. J. Kelly, of Chicago, with 1,870, down to second place.

HUGH SHANNON

Fails in An Effort to Organize a Baseball League in Southern Part of State.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Mar. 27.—Hugh Shannon, who has figured in several baseball affairs in this section the last few years, has abandoned the idea to form a league in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Shannon bobs up every year in the formation of a league somewhere, but in all cases the league he is interested in only lives a few weeks at most. Last spring he was one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia league, which came to an end in less than one week. The country has evidently tired of having circuits of the "wild cat" variety foisted on them by unsuspecting promoters.

Exhibition Baseball

At St. Louis: R. H. E.
St. Louis Nationals 13 12 4
St. Louis Americans 2 7 4

At Richmond, Va.: R. H. E.
Washington Americans 7 9 0
Richmond 1 6 2

Dallas, Tex.: R. H. E.
New York Nationals 11 16 1
Dallas, Tex., League 3 5 4

Atlanta, Ga.: R. H. E.
Boston Nationals 3 4 0
Atlanta, (Southern Ass'n) 1 4 0

New Orleans: R. H. E.
Detroit Americans 7 8 6
New Orleans So. Ass'n 4 5 1

At Mobile: R. H. E.
Cincinnati Nationals 14 14 1
Mobile (Southern Ass'n) 3 6 7

Tampa, Fla.: R. H. E.
Chicago Nationals 13 13 6
Louisville (American Ass'n) 9 14 1

Jacksonville, Fla.: R. H. E.
Philadelphia Nationals 5 5 0
Philadelphia Americans 3 6 2

VARSITY WILL OPEN SEASON SATURDAY

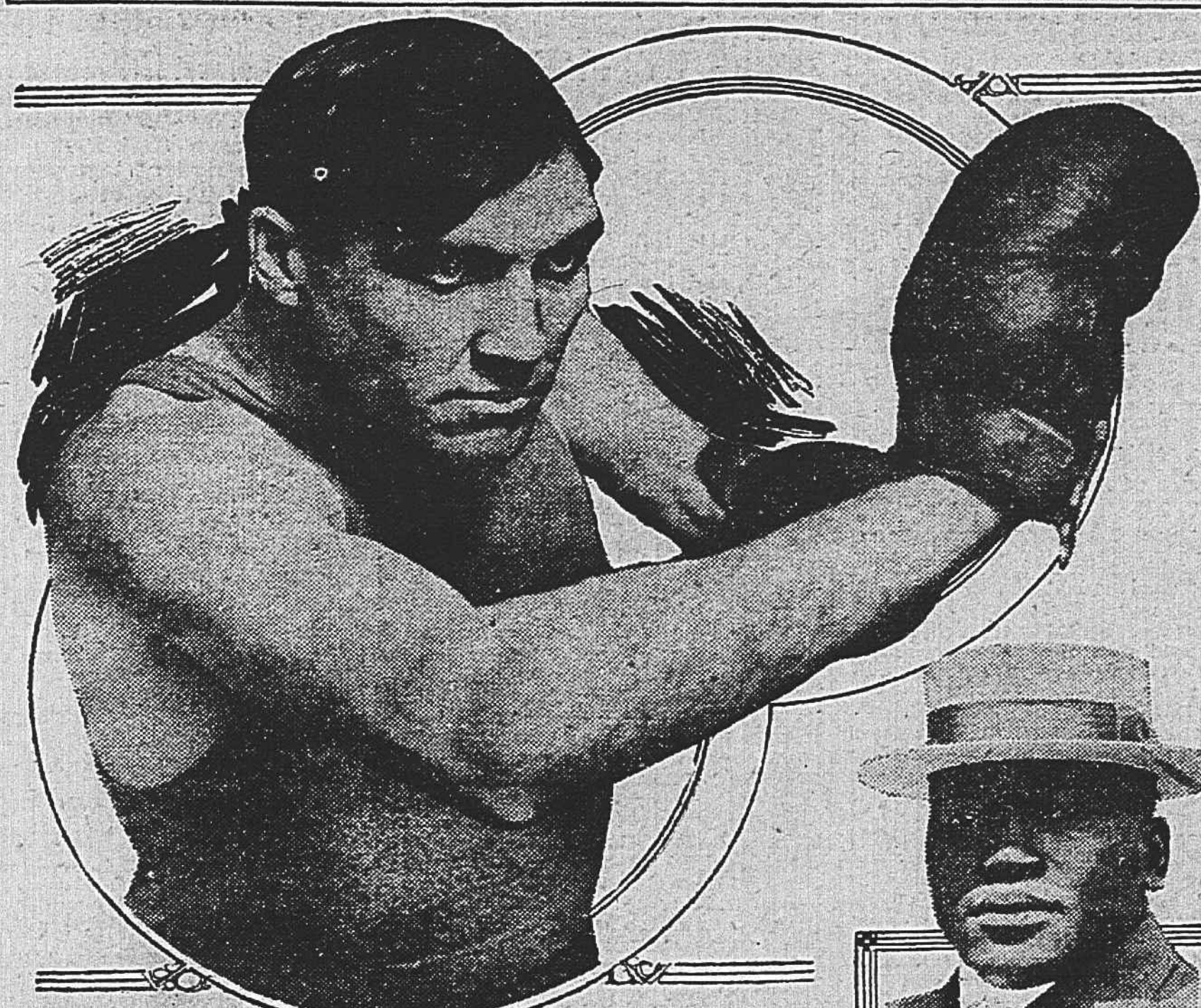
Ohio University Nine Will Be the Attraction for the Opening Day.

MORGANTOWN, Mar. 27.—With the Varsity's first game of the 1915 season just one week away, the local diamond fans are not letting the disagreeable weather of the last few days dampen their ardor and interest in the school's prospects and the students and city bugs are as anxious to see Hickman's combination in action against another college team as are the candidates to participate. The interest is greater than usual because of the fact that the team will contain several new men in the lineup, and as yet it is impossible to fore just what will be the coach's selections for the opening battle. On the pitching staff are several very promising freshmen and the fans are anxious to see just how these youngsters will act under fire.

The Ohio University team will be the opening attraction and will be seen here on two days, Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3. Ohio University has always furnished the Varsity team a good run for its money in every branch of sport and there is no reason to believe that this year's slate will be a departure from that custom.

Baron to Pitch Opener.
Who will start on the firing line is hard to predict, but the odds favor Baron or Hagan, old-timers, it being realized that the first encounter must be a victory as a means of inspiring confidence in the new men. Fiddler is a sure bet behind the bat with Simon at first and Leatherwood at second. Further than this it would be hazardous to make any predictions as to the infield, but Dille at third and Flynn or Stone at short is an excellent wager. In the outfield Rex, Hersey, last year's sensation in right garden, is the only certainty. He has been shifted to center, where he will probably anchor for the season. Bachman, Stoops, Smith, Hanley and Ayers are all holders of extraordinary calibre and the coach will have a hard time in selecting the other outfielders. This much may be said, however, that Hickman will send in his clouters. Every one who knows the coach knows that he considers a strong offensive team the best defensive one. There are several first string prospects who have been banging the ball hard all season, that will have to be considered when the time for play arrives.

JACK JOHNSON SEEMS SCARED AS DAY OF FIGHT APPROACHES



Jess Willard and Jack Johnson.

As April 4, the day of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard fight approaches, the colored holder of the heavyweight belt seems to be considerably worried. The betting, however, is almost two to one in his favor. He is training hard at Havana. The people of the Cuban capital are most unfavorable to Johnson, and it will be a Willard crowd that will witness the big battle next month.

Independents to Meet St. Mary's Club Five

Game Will Be Played on St. Mary's High School Gymnasium Floor.

Although several basketball games in this city have drawn large crowds during the last season, there has not been one talked about in advance as much as the one that is to be played tomorrow night between the St. Mary's club five and the Clarksville Independents, the reason probably being that all season, local fans have been waiting for this contest.

The game will decide several things, the most important being the city championship, while to some, probably the question of weight, in basketball will be of more importance.

Among these is Seckman, whose clouting to date has probably been more consistent than that of any other man on the squad.

Many Substitutions.
The above dope can be applied only to the first game. Saturday's contest will doubtless be marked by wholesale shifts and substitutions in the Varsity line-up, especially if the decisive margin in Friday's engagement. The dopesters have also figured that Hoffman, Fulton, Hagerman or Phillips will be given a chance on the firing line in the second game.

The Varsity has been idle practically all of the present week owing to the continued bad weather. A game had been planned for Thursday afternoon but the morning's sunshine and warmth gave way to a drizzling rain which continued all the afternoon and precluded the possibility of outdoor work for Friday and probably Saturday.

Next week, however, the coach will make up for lost time in an effort to whip the team into the best of condition for the Ohio University games. The squad has been practicing for almost four weeks and if advance work counts for anything, should be in excellent shape for the first contest.

Easter Trip.
Following the Ohio University game the Varsity will have but two days to prepare for its eastern invasion of ten games. The team will leave here Wednesday, April 7, and Washington and Lee will be met on Thursday and Friday of that week. Fifteen men, including the manager and coach, will make the trip.

WEST VIRGINIA

Rifle Team is Defeated in the Class "A" Finals by Iowa State Team.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—Washington States college won the trophy in Class (A) of the Intercollegiate Rifle championship, according to an announcement tonight by the rifle association. North Georgia won Class (B) and Yale Class (C). Michigan Agricultural with 95 out of a possible 1,000 established a college record. In the last matches in Class (A) Iowa state defeated West Virginia by the score of 287 to 276.



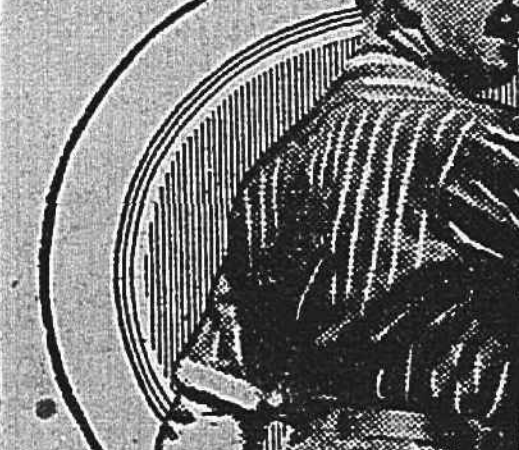
WITH CARNIVAL

Steven Lamonetin, the Wrestler, Will Travel This Summer.

Steven Lamonetin, the local wrestler, known on the bill boards as "The Terrible Greek," has just signed a contract by which he will go into the carnival business this summer. He is to be with the Dye Brothers' Greater United Shows, which is now organizing at Parkersburg and he will report for duty there April 19. Steven will put on exhibition wrestling matches and will meet all comers.

The Dye organization will open at Parkersburg and go to Charleston. Thence it will go south and loop back northward later in the season. It will exhibit in Clarksburg some time in July.

STANDRIDGE, COAST RECRUIT, PITCHES SELF INTO A STEADY JOB WITH CUBS



Pete Standridge, photographed at spring training camp.

der in Canada. His first professional engagement was with Calgary of the Western Canadian league in 1910 and he played there for three seasons before his light attracted any of the bigger leagues.

Although a pitcher by choice and inception, Standridge proved a fairly good batsman and became a utility player for some value, while with Calgary. He played both first base and the outfield when not working on the slab. In the fall of 1912 he was picked up by the San Francisco club and worked the next two seasons with the Seals, pitching almost exclusively.

Standridge worked in four games against the White Sox in the spring of 1914, during their training trip, and looked good enough to excite comment. The White Sox were overstocked with hurlers, however, and no attempt was made to corral Standridge. The luck of the draft gave him to the Cubs.

Pete is a right hander of the common garden variety, without anything freakish in the way of pitching goods. He has moderate speed, a curve, and good control. Seldom does he attempt a splitter, depending largely on his ability to keep the ball where he wants to.

Standridge will not be 24 until April 20, but has had four years' experience already as a professional. He is slender rather than stocky, but weighs 175 pounds, which is plenty for his five feet, eleven inches of stature, without any excess.

WILLIARD IS LARGER THAN JACK JOHNSON

CORNELL WRESTLERS

Capture Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship in Meet at South Bethlehem, Pa.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Mar. 27.—For the third consecutive year Cornell captured the intercollegiate wrestling championship by scoring twenty-four points in the eleventh annual meet held here today in the gymnasium of Lehigh University. Lehigh secured second place with nineteen points; Pennsylvania third with thirteen; Princeton fourth with eleven and Columbia fifth with four points.

GUNBOAT SMITH

Wins an Easy Victory Over Jack Reed, of Akron, O.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW YORK, Mar. 27.—Jim Coffey, the Dublin giant, knocked out Soldier Delaney, of Brooklyn, in the second round of a ten round match here tonight.

Gunboat Smith took an easy victory in a ten round bout with Jack Reed, of Akron, O.

Tom McCarty, Montana heavyweight, outfought Battling Levinsky, of this city, in a ten round bout in Brooklyn.

WRESTLING MATCH AT GRAFTON

Steve Lamonetin, the terrible Greek wrestler of this city, will go to Grafton Monday evening where he will meet five well known wrestlers. Lamonetin agrees to throw each of the men within fifteen minutes or forfeit \$25 to him. Among the wrestlers to meet Lamonetin is Fred Kindberg, who is considered one of the best wrestlers in this section of the state.

ATHLETICS ALWAYS HAVE AT LEAST ONE SCRIBE

For sixteen years the Athletics have had at least one player who was an active contributor to the newspapers. Back in the early days of the American league, Mike Powers, grand old scout that he was, covered the training trips for several of the Philadelphia papers. Then came Eddie Collins with his syndicate and magazine articles. Now Weldon Wyckoff, the youthful pitcher, who is a graduate of Bucknell, is acting as war correspondent for a Philadelphia paper, reporting the doings at Jacksonville.

JEFFRIES RE-ENTERS RING

It was then that the negro's pronounced ability and recognized cleverness stung Jeffries into action. The big Californian's self-enforced retirement ended abruptly and Jeffries entered the fight arena to again defend the title. This seemed to suit Johnson perfectly and the great match for the world's championship was quickly arranged with the result that Johnson scored a decisive victory over Jeffries, at Reno, July 4, 1910. From that time to the present Johnson has been the undisputed champion heavyweight of the world. During the last five years he has been called upon only three times to defend the title.

His fight with Jim Flynn at Las Vegas, New Mexico, was stopped in the ninth round by the authorities and Johnson was declared the winner. In Paris, France the bout between the champion and Battling Jim Johnson, was called a draw and last year he gained the referee's favor over Max Baer in a twenty-round bout which also took place in the French capital.

Jess Willard, who was born in Uotawatomie county, Kan., twenty-eight years ago is a giant in stature, standing fully 6 feet 6 inches, without shoes, and when in good condition for a bout, turns the scale at 285 pounds. Four years ago he was first seen in a ring fight when he lost on a foul to Louis Fink in the tenth round of a bout at Sapulpa, Okla., but within six weeks from that time he knocked out Fink in three rounds at Oklahoma City. He followed up with five knockouts and two ten round winning brackets, on points, during his first year of fighting in public, 1911.

Clear Record in 1912

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And He Has Three Distinct Advantages Over Johnson in Youth, Height, Reach.

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Johnson's Ring Career

Although Johnson's ring career antedates the present century by a few months, his prowess as a fighter did not bring him into prominence in the heavyweight division until ten years ago and then his standing did not give much promise of championship possibilities. At that time he began meeting men of his own color such as Sam Moyer, Joe Jeannotte, Black Bill Walter Johnson and others whom he defeated, in several instances decisively. His two winning battles with Joe Jeannotte at Baltimore and Sam Langford at Chelsea, Mass., in 1906, however, demonstrated that he would have to be reckoned with by the best of the fighters, white or colored, with championship's pretensions in the heavyweight class.

At that time Jeffries had retired from the ring, having handed the title to Marvin Hart. Tommy Burns by defeating the latter and also Jack O'Brien, who claimed the championship, assumed the world's title in 1907. Johnson meanwhile was plodding along, incidentally knocking out Felix and Lang in Australia and ending the same back propensities of Bob Fitzsimmons in two rounds at Philadelphia and an eleven-round knockout of Jim Flynn at San Francisco the same year—1907. In December 1908 Johnson had the better of Tommy Burns at Sydney, Australia, when the police stopped the bout in the fourth round. This placed the big Galveston negro right at the top of his class and while no one was willing to recognize him as the world's title holder, Johnson went right on fighting successfully, finishing up with the knockout of the late Stanley Ketchel in twelve rounds at Colma, Calif., on October 16, 1909.

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